there is any reason why, when it has not been followed by many of the Colleges of the Presidency, it should be followed here. The University Commission Report is only pending before the Academic Council and the authorities have not passed any final order with regard to the point of increasing the pay of the Professors.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—This is not the first University Commission Report. They have insisted always that the salaries of the Professors should be raised. If we refuse to do it, they will take some drastic measures.

Mr. Joseph Petta.—Except there has been some recommendation, has there been any specific order given?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I don't think the University is discourteous as to issue an order to the Government.

Mr. Joseph Petta.—The University gives specific intimation that if such and such numbers are admitted the affiliation will be taken away. Has any such intimation been given? Is it only a recommendation that the pay *may be*?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not a question of the pay may be, it is one of the conditions on which the affiliation has been given to the College.

Mr. Joseph Petta.—How is it that the fact was not taken in the deliberations of the Finance Committee?

President.—The Hon'ble Member may raise these questions when the Educational Budget is being discussed.

President's Remarks on the Budget Discusssion.

President.—Hon'ble Members:—before I adjourn the Council for the day, I should like to make a few remarks on the Budget and the discussion upon it.

One of the most important points raised during the debate was the question of the future of Responsible Government in the State. (*Hear, hear.*) Several Hon'ble Members, including the Leader of the Progressive Party and the Hon'ble Deputy President, referred to it in their speeches. I repeat what I have said before, that the subject has been receiving and will continue to receive the very anxious consideration of the Government. (*Hear, hear.*) A step forward has already been taken and His Highness the Maharaja has appointed as the Deputy President, the Hon'ble Member selected by the House forthat important office. (*Hear, hear.*)

These constitutional questions, and the decisions taken upon them, must exercise a very considerable influence for good or ill on the future of the State, and it is essential for their satisfactory solution that clear thinking and a clear appraisal of the

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implications contained in them, should precede any definite action. The need for such careful appraisal and lucid thought is well illustrated by the remarks of the Hon'ble Member for Urakam on the College question yesterday.

The Hon'ble Member remarked that the decision to remove the College to Ramavarmapuram had been upset by the present Diwan by a mere stroke of the pen. I must confess that I listened to that part of the Hon'ble Member's speech with considerable astonishment. In the first place, it was not in accordance with facts. Secondly—and this is a matter of greater importance—there is the constitutional aspect of the question. I strongly maintain that no responsible Government in any country could have acted in this particular matter, in a more constitutional manner than the Cochin Government has acted. (*Hear, hear*).

What are the facts? They have been fully stated in the Government order on the subject which was published in the Government Gazette. It will be remembered by those Hon'ble Members who were also Members of the previous Council, that a resolution was moved, I believe, in the last Vrischigam Session, urging that the College should not be removed to Ramavarmapuram, but should be retained at Ernakulam. The House was equally divided.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, if I remember right, the resolution was not for the transfer of the College but for the starting of a technological institute.

President.—It may be so. I do not recollect the wording of the resolution. But the meaning of the resolution certainly was that the College should not be removed but should be retained at Ernakulam. On that matter the House was equally divided and the motion was finally decided by the casting vote of the President. But an overwhelming majority of the elected Members of the House, as then constituted, was in favour of retaining the College at Ernakulam. (*Hear, hear*). That was the situation with which the Government was faced. After careful consideration a Committee was appointed to ascertain whether it was possible at once to retain the College at Ernakulam and to comply with the requirements of the University. (*Hear, hear*). A majority of the Committee reported it to be possible to retain the College here and now the matter has finally to come, in a few days, before this Council for decision.

I again maintain that no Government, no responsible Government, anywhere, could have acted more constitutionally than the Cochin Government has acted in this matter. (*Hear, hear*).

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I should not have trespassed upon the time of the House at such length merely to discuss these facts which are in themselves of little enough importance. But the incident is of interest since it does well illustrate the necessity for clear thinking on constitutional questions and clear definition of oft-repeated phrases. For, that which is generally understood to be Responsible Government is clearly not what the Hon'ble Member for Urakam understands by it. The view of that Hon'ble Member seems to be this: that when the view of th majority of the Members of this House is also his view, then that view should prevail, but not otherwise. But that is quite different from the generally accepted definition of Responsible Government. I must add that the leader of the Progressive Party did not support the view of the Hon'ble Member for Urakam, and that that Hon'ble Member was apparently speaking in his personal capacity and not for his party. It is clear that this question of constitutional reforms requires very careful and very anxious consideration and I again assure the House that it is receiving and will continue to receive at the hands of the Government. (*Hear, hear*).

I pass on to the Budget. I do not intend to waste the time of the House by a long disquisition upon it. It has already been explained in detail by the official Members. It is not a sensational Budget. The times are such that it could not possibly be so. I do not think there is any ground for pessimism. One of the Hon'ble Members said that we have reached the high-water mark of our resources and that the revenue in future could not be expected to expand. Well, we have in Ernakulam at the very gates of this Council Hall, the finest Harbour in South India. The Harbour is being developed and appears to be developing on sound lines. We have a Railway which is now being converted and there is the Hydro-Electric Scheme. It is dangerous to prophecy. But I cannot think of any State which has greater scope for expansion than this State of Cochin. (*Hear, hear.*) I have every hope and every confidence in the future of the State. Though we are living in difficult times, we must take a long view, and not be too pessimistic; but work for the better times which will certainly come.

We will now adjourn.

The House rose for the day at 5 p. m.

C. J. MATHEW,
Secretary to the Council.

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